

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Applicant

R. F. Barnard, et al.

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Examiner

Elaine Gort

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System and Method for Project Preparing

a Procurement and Accounts Payable

System

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AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of Examiner Elaine Gort dated 08/29/2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 17-22 without prejudice and with traversal.

Please amend claims 24 and 25 as follows:

24. [Twice amended]/ A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for

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